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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Amendment filed 09/02/2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-23 and 25-40 which are renumbered to 1-39.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 13 July 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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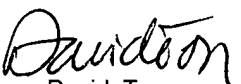
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

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7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date 09/02/2004
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


David Ton
Primary Examiner
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1. An Examiner's Amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 C.F.R. § 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee.

In the Specification, page 10, after line 12, insert 3 lines:

-- Figure 12 illustrates a state machine and multiple Galois field multiply accumulators.

Figure 13 illustrates a Galois field unit. --

2. Claims 1-23 and 25-40 are allowed.

3. The following is an Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance:

The prior art of record teaches the claimed invention substantially, but it fails to teach or suggest singly or in combination an error insertion for verifying correct operation of encoding and decoding circuits method by programmably selecting a desired number of errors for insertion into a plurality of data signal, inserting into one of the data signals the desired number of errors using an insertion circuit, and repeating the inserting step in an iterative fashion to insert into different data signals the desired number of errors wherein the errors are placed within the code words of the data signals at different location permutations for each data signal as set forth in independent claim 1, 11, 16 and 37. The prior art of record also fails to teach or suggest singly or in

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combination an OC-192 front-end ASIC including a transmitter having means for interleaving four OC-48 signals to create an OC-192 signal and means for encoding FEC codes in each of an OC-48 signal; a receiver having means for de-interleaving an OC-192 signal to create four OC-48 signals and means for decoding FEC codes in the OC-192 signal wherein said encoding means and said decoding means use a triple-error correcting BCH code as set forth in independent claim 32.

4.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the Issue Fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance".

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David Ton whose telephone number is (571) 272-3828. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th from 5:30 - 4:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Albert DeCady can be reached on (571) 272-3819. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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